

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that a healthy citizenry is essential for our strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is a disease that infects more than 1.5 billion people worldwide, with 8 million people developing the disease this year; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State there are currently over 250 cases of active tuberculosis and over 100 of those are in the Seattle and King County area; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of those with active tuberculosis in Washington were born outside of the United States, a demographic our state depends on for our economy to thrive; and

WHEREAS, more than \$10,000 public health dollars will be spent in treatment for each case of active tuberculosis and in contact investigation to stop the spread of tuberculosis in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, once a case of active tuberculosis develops multi-drug resistance, it costs up to \$250,000 to cure just one patient; and

WHEREAS, according to a Global Health Initiative survey, 32% of companies world-wide expect tuberculosis to impact their businesses in the next 5 years because approximately three to four months of work time will be lost for each employee who develops the disease; and

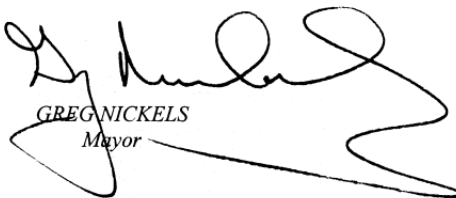
WHEREAS, tuberculosis is a preventable disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2006 to be

WORLD END TUBERCULOSIS DAY

in Seattle, and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the prevalence of tuberculosis and learning about how to prevent the spread of this disease.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor